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REA has approved seven Iowa allotments totalling \$578,000 to build lines in projects centering in Buena Vista, Butler, Wright, Pocahontas, Benton, Green and Hardin Counties, Administrator John M. Carmody announced today. The allotments were approved on the basis of agreements made by local telephone companies with the borrowers, waiving claims against the projects for metallicizing one-wire telephone systems to eliminate inductive interference.

REA allotments in Iowa have been held up since last July when the Iowa State Commerce Commission announced it would hold a hearing to determine whether or not operators of power lines were liable for the inductive interference which might be caused in one-wire telephone lines. The hearing was held on August 3 and the Commission has not yet ruled.

Meanwhile, Administrator Carmody agreed to release allotments wherever borrowers could show waivers from local telephone companies, releasing the cooperatives from claims for conductive and inductive interference. Where projects did not obtain waivers, REA reserved the right to reexamine them for feasibility in the light of whatever costs the Commission may order the cooperatives to shoulder. REA has always been ready to approve payment by borrowers to telephone companies for the elimination of physical interference such as moving an existing line to the other side of the road.

Last week the Arkansas Commission ruled in a case closely parallel to the proceedings before the Iowa Commission. The Arkansas Commission declared the operator of the power line is not liable for damages to the service rendered by one-wire telephone lines since the telephone companies have a remedy at hand, namely metallicizing their circuits in line with modern practice.

The allotments are as follows:

IOWA 8027 BUENA VISTA

Miles Nelson, Project Supt.,
Buena Vista County Rural Elec.
Coop., Storm Lake, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$100,000, out of total requested of \$325,000 to build 317 miles of line to serve about 286 customers in Buena Vista County. This makes a total of \$200,000 allotted to this project, and it is served by the Central Electric Federated Cooperative Association, an REA-financed generating plant.

IOWA 8032 BUTLER

Ernest N. Neal, Project Supt.,
Butler County Rural Electric
Cooperative,
Allison, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$105,000, out of total requested of \$210,000 to build 235 miles of line to serve about 613 customers in Butler and Hardin Counties. The project is served by the Federated Cooperative Power Association, an REA-financed generating plant. This makes a total of \$210,000 allotted to this project.

IOWA 8036 WRIGHT

George C. Kirkstein, Project Supt.,
Wright County Rural Electric
Cooperative, Clarion, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$100,000 out of total requested of \$340,000, to build 340 miles of line to serve about 981 customers in Wright County. This makes a total of \$200,000 allotted to this project, and it is served by the Federated Cooperative Power Association, an REA-financed generating plant.

IOWA 8038 POCAHONTAS

Harry W. Day, Project Supt.,
Pocahontas County Rural Electric
Cooperative,
Shenandoah, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$103,000, out of total requested of \$198,000, to build 220 miles of line to serve about 600 customers in Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties. This makes a total of \$198,000 allotted to this project, which is served by the Central Electric Federated Cooperative Association, an REA-financed generating plant.

IOWA 8039 BENTON

Ivan E. Trottnow, Project Supt.,
Benton County Electric Coop. Assn.,
Vinton, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$100,000 out of total requested of \$418,500, to build 418 miles of line to serve about 1,243 customers in Benton County. This makes a total of \$300,000 allotted to this project. Power is supplied by the Iowa Electric Light and Power Company.

IOWA 8043 GREENE

John E. Jaquis, Project Supt.,
Greene County Rural Electric Coop.,
Jefferson, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$30,000, out of total requested of \$190,000, to build 194 miles of line to serve about 497 customers in Greene and Webster Counties. This makes a total of \$125,000 allotted to this project. The source of power is the Iowa Electric Light and Power Company.

IOWA 8049 HARDIN

Ben Jaspers, Project Supt.,
Hardin County Rural Electric Coop.,
Eldora, Iowa.

Partial, additional allotment of \$40,000, out of total requested of \$234,000, to build 250 miles of line to serve about 600 customers in Hardin County. This makes a total of \$140,000 allotted to this project. Power is supplied by the Federated Cooperative Power Association, an REA-financed generating plant.